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Ceremony Held For 152-Bed New Campus

The S. C. Department of Youth Services conducted a groundbreaking ceremony for its \$4.9 million New Campus March 25.

The ceremony took place on property adjacent to the agency's Reception and Evaluation Center, five miles northwest of Columbia on Broad River Road.

The new 152-bed facility will replace the S.C. School for Boys in Florence. Youth Services Director Grady A. Decell said the Florence property would be deeded to the State Department of Mental Retardation.

Decell said the Florence facility was being phased out "because we wanted to concentrate our institutional programs in Columbia. Other reasons were the complex was outmoded and the cost of modernization was prohibitive."

Some 150 youngsters, under the age of 16, will be transferred to the new campus, Decell said. The agency will retain five acres in Florence for a regional Youth Bureau office, Decell said.

The new facility in Columbia will feature an extensive vocational school, gymnasium, administration building, auditorium-chapel, a 23-room school, four 20-bed cottages and a 72-bed intensive care unit. There are provisions for a natatorium and a student center to be added later.

GRADING BEGAN

Grading for the project began in February. R. H. Elliott is the primary contractor. Geiger, McElveen and Kennedy are the architects. The estimated completion date is May, 1976.

All buildings in the complex will be one-storied, of tan brick, and topped with stained plywood siding. "We attempted to soften the appearance of the buildings on the campus to get away from an institutional look as much as possible," said Robert Kennedy, architect of the complex.

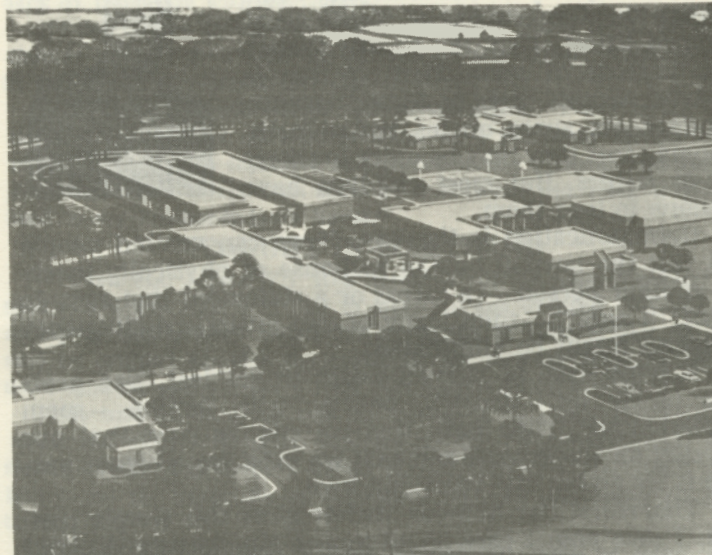
"We designed the facility on an open campus concept," Kennedy added. "We wanted to create a park-like feeling. The cottages are screened from the rest of the campus behind a row of trees. Buildings are grouped according to their use."

Kennedy said there were several unique features of the campus. It does not contain its own kitchen, he said, because of its nearness to the Willow Lane and R&E campuses.

"Students will eat at least one meal away from the New Campus," he said.

VOCATIONAL BUILDING

The Vocational building, which will be used by students from



New Campus Facility

all campuses, will contain a greenhouse for horticulture training. Other courses to be taught include masonry, building construction, appliance repair, graphic arts, welding, body and fender repair, automotive mechanics, small engine repair, barbering, industrial sewing and electrical work.

The classroom building, which will also be attended by students from other campuses, contains a TV studio that will be used to improve the teaching ability of the staff. The building will house a library, administrative offices and guidance counseling rooms.

COTTAGES

Each cottage will contain two wings that will house six single bedrooms and a four-bed dormitory each. The cottage will also have a games room and a TV-music room, warming kitchen and a dining room.

The gymnasium will have a 300-seat capacity and facilities for playing volleyball, shuffleboard, boxing, basketball and handball.

The auditorium-chapel will seat 314 and has facilities for movies, theater, chapel activities and a separate room for choral work or music practice.



Big Sur Poet

Ric Masten, poet and folk singer from the Big Sur area of California, talks to youth on the John G. Richards campus about the problems of growing up. Masten's poetry stresses concern for other people and the need to help each other.

Fifteen Employees Honored For Twenty Years, Service

Fifteen Department of Youth Services employees received twenty-year service pins and certificates of appreciation during a special ceremony at the Reception and Evaluation Center in February.

Members of the Board of Directors presented the awards.

"You have given twenty years not to the state but to all the children of South Carolina," board chairman Mrs. Barbara T. Sylvester of Florence told the

recipients. "Without your help and love, many of these children might now be in the Department of Corrections. Speaking for the board, the director and the parents, I want to give each a special warm thank you," she concluded.

Following the ceremony, the recipients and the board adjourned for lunch at the R & E cafeteria.

Recipients were Claude A. Allen, Lois W. Bremer, Melvyn E.

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Director's Dialogue...

by

Grady A. Decell

We recently developed a rationale for our bumper stickers, and I thought you might like to read it:

The majority of children that come through the Department of Youth Services (and first of all, the Family Court), have parents of some kind. If they're not true parents, they're foster parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and so forth. In some cases they may be older brothers and/or sisters. But most children have someone to love them.

Communication is the key. If we can remind people that just the normal human response of physically touching another person — a caress or a statement that says, in effect, "I care" — then many of our juvenile delinquency problems might be eliminated.

It's too easy in today's world to get lost. The problems facing us — ecology, energy, war, famine — seem overwhelming. They only way we can be sure that our feet stay on the ground and that we exist for a bigger purpose is by giving and receiving love.

Therefore, our bumper sticker gives this simple message: I love you. I care about you. I am concerned about your welfare. I want you to have the best day in school (or at work) that's possible. I want you to be the best person you can be, simply because you are — and for no other reason.



Gracing The Bumper

Mary Jane Sanders, left, and Joanne McCarter display the new bumper sticker of the Agency. The sticker points to a new emphasis in the Agency's philosophy — loving kids keeps them happier, and less likely to get into trouble. Mrs. Sanders is a social worker and Mrs. McCarter a secretary in the Agency's Spartanburg Youth Bureau.

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Mrs. Barbara T. Sylvester Chairman
Grady A. Decell Director
Edward B. Borden Editor

Bumper Stickers Literally Sweeping the Country

"Have You Hugged Your Kid Today?" bumper stickers are literally sweeping the country.

The stickers, introduced in early December, have appeared over many parts of the United States and have even been seen in Europe.

Typical is the letter from a South Carolina child care center director:

"I would really like to hand them out to the families we serve, our staff and the other day care workers in the county. We could easily distribute a hundred of these stickers if you can spare that many... It is a great idea and brings at least a moment of happiness into anyone who reads it... I imagine that the co-efficient of hugging children has even been raised around here."

The same response is evoked by children.

E. Perry Palmer, vice chairman of the Agency's Board of Directors, reported his child "reached and hugged me around the neck when he saw the sticker on another car."

Mrs. Barbara T. Sylvester, board chairman, was stopped by a New Jersey couple at an Interstate Highway rest stop and asked where they could get a copy. "They said they looked all over the rest station and couldn't find one," she related. "I gave them the last two I had."

Response has been heavy in

areas of the Agency's Youth Bureaus. Photographs involving the bumper stickers have appeared in newspapers in Greenville and Rock Hill. One even appeared on a marquee of a Greenville motel-restaurant.

They're going just as big overseas. Edward B. Borden, Coordinator of Public Information and Education, recently took a supply on an Air Force Reserve trip to Europe. "I was able to get promises from some Navy wives that the stickers would be placed aboard the U.S.S. Saratoga," he noted. "I placed stickers — with the approval of the officer-in-charge — in air operations terminals in Italy, Sicily, Spain and the Azores."

Time magazine, highlighting a new column by Mrs. Nancy Thurmond, wife of U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond, led off with the bumper sticker slogan.

A Salvation Army chaplain, writing from Atlanta, Ga., said, "I usually don't put bumper stickers on my cars but I like that message... I want to ask that question to every parent that drives behind me. If more parents took the time to show some affection to their children every day, people in our line of business would have a lot less people needing our help."

Supplies of the stickers were placed on bumpers of law enforcement officers in the city and county of Florence and in North Charleston.

Galphin Named Recreation Director



Mrs. Jacqueline S. Galphin has been employed as Director of Recreation for the S.C. Department of Youth Services.

Mrs. Galphin, a native of Wrightsville, Ga., attended Women's College of Georgia and the Medical College of Georgia where she majored in nursing and psychology. She has also attended the Baptist College at Charleston.

Mrs. Galphin was a teacher and instructor at Hope Center for the Retarded; a supervisor of recreation programs for ex-

ceptional children, sponsored by the City of Charleston; and therapist for Coastal Center, the state institution for the retarded.

She was named recipient of the Professional Therapeutic Recreation award in 1973, presented by the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism; and is co-author of a manual for operating a therapeutic recreation program for the retarded.

Fifteen Honored (Continued)

Gleaton, Oddell W. Humphries, Gwendolyn H. James, William R. Matthews, Richard J. McCuen, Bowen W. Pressley, Myr-iam L. Robbins, Jack Shivers, Edward E. Shuler, Mary B. Seibert, Ardrow J. Vause and Stanley P. Wright,

Former Offender Now Correctional Officer



George Canady held the basketball lightly on his hip.

"All right," he said to the ten barebacked and sweating men, "We're going to play a little zone defense. Al, you play point. George, you've got the center. Jake, you've got the offense. I want to see it move."

The ball bounced like a lithe, orange cat between the nimble, brown hands of the offensive team. What had been a gaggle of men playing disorganized street ball now became two smoothly operated basketball squads.

"I've been working with them as a volunteer for a few months," Canady said with a shy shrug. "And I didn't even know much about basketball. It's amazing what you can pick up if you have to."

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER

Canady, 21, is a correctional officer at the Blue Ridge Pre-Release Center in Greenville. His "team" is composed of inmates from the S.C. Department of Corrections. The pickup game came during a lunch break on the Center's campus.

The episode is indicative of Canady's interest and devotion to his job. During a tour of the institution, Canady spoke to every inmate he saw. He was kind, interested and supportive.

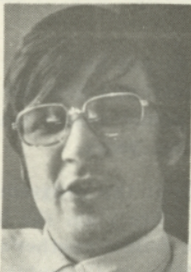
Canady knows the feeling of being behind bars, of being without hope, a future—or even caring about one. He was a student at John G. Richards School for Boys, and in his own words "spent a lot of time" in the Pickens Intensive Care Unit.

"I really didn't intend to get into trouble," Canady said. "It just sort of happened. I never dreamed that one day I'd be in one of the isolation units at the agency."

SCHOOL PROBLEMS

Canady's problems began after his family moved to Greenville seven years ago.

"My mother was separated and I couldn't concentrate in school. I began getting into fights. After a couple of suspensions, I got so far behind I didn't care any more."



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Canady was given six months' probation by the Family Court. As soon as he hit the street he was fighting again. "I was given a year and two or three more suspensions. They finally put me on probation until I was 17. The big problem was that I was like a gun-fighter. Everybody had to get in his shot at me."

Caught for truancy, Canady was shipped to Florence. "I was there when Mr. Decell joined the agency." After six months he was back on probation with his family.

"I don't know whether it helped me or not, going to the school," Canady said. "I didn't get any meaner or any better. I started out in the same old business for that matter."

He was soon back in the institution again. "I ran away, but they caught me and sent me to 'John G.' I ran away again. Nine months later I was captured, and placed in the Pickens Building. I had a chance to escape with some other kids and did. I ran to Maryland to my brother-in-law's house."

CAUGHT IN MARYLAND

"Then (Lt. James W.) 'Red' Douglas (of the Agency's security staff called and said he'd like to meet me one evening. We met at at my brother-in-law's house. He urged me to turn myself in. He said he couldn't promise me anything, but he'd see what he could do. I thought about it for a long time and decided to give up.

"He told me he'd not put the handcuffs on me if I'd promise not to run away. I thought, 'what a nut.' But I didn't run away. We talked all the way back. I wasn't sacred to run, I just didn't. He had to put the handcuffs on when they got back and that's the last time I ran."

Canady said Chaplain Horace Youngblood "used to come and sit in the cell with me and ask if this is the way I wanted to be the rest of my life. I told him, 'No.' That's when I started to change."

Not long after Canady arrived there was another outbreak at Pickens. This time Canady stayed. "I became a student aide for the building. I was released in 1971 after five months in the Pickens Building."

BACK TO HIGH SCHOOL

Canady went back to high school. "Mr. Douglas told me I should be in some type of law enforcement. I stayed with the Douglasses' and they treated me like their own son. I tried to behave and listen to what they—and other people—told me. I became convinced people did care about me."

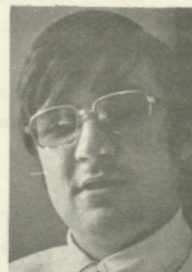
Canady passed his high school equivalency and entered Palmer College, majoring in police administration. He subsequently worked in Manning Correctional Institute as a drug abuse counselor. In July of last year he became a correctional officer.

"You know, I'm seeing some of my former cellmates at John G. in the adult penal system now. And it's odd because they're on one side and I'm on the other. They think for a minute that I'm one of them. Then they realize I'm part of the system."

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As for the future—Canady is married and a father—he wants to return to Columbia and finish his education at the University of South Carolina. He definitely wants to remain in law enforcement.

"I see myself as a stepping stone for others," he said simply.



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PROFILE: Bebs Chorak Regional Supervisor Rock Hill Youth Bureau

Mrs. Elizabeth (Bebs) Chorak has been Regional Supervisor of the Rock Hill Youth Bureau since July, 1974. A native of Rock Hill, she is a graduate of Winthrop College, is married to Charles Chorak, an urban design consultant, and has three daughters, 5 to 8 years old. PROFILE was curious about the Youth Bureau concept and how it differed from older delinquency prevention programs.

PROFILE: You had a young man in here a minute ago, and we noticed that you both were in a very spirited and friendly conversation. May we ask what it was about?

CHORAK: He was a student when I taught in the public schools here. He is out of a job, and I was trying to find work for him through a federal program.

PROFILE: Isn't that a bit unusual? Shouldn't he go through regular employment channels?

CHORAK: He'll do that, too. But this is a part of our purpose — to help youngsters stay busy so they'll not have time to get into trouble.

PROFILE: What is the concept of the Youth Bureau?

CHORAK: It is designed to assist existing agencies in helping delinquent children — those under 17 — receive services available in the community. We also help counsel them to help prevent future problems with the courts.

PROFILE: In other words, rehabilitation —

CHORAK: Yes. And delinquency prevention. Which is what we're doing with this young man. If we can get him a job, we'll help keep him out of trouble.

PROFILE: How many Youth Bureaus are there?

CHORAK: We've established Youth Bureaus in Greenville, Spartanburg, Charleston and Columbia besides Rock Hill. There's a satellite office in Anderson that's part of the Greenville Regional Youth Bureau. We're going into other areas, of course, as money becomes available. One day we hope to have Youth Bureaus established across the state.

PROFILE: Would we be safe in saying that the Youth Bureau Division is the Department of Youth Services' effort to get child rehabilitation and delinquency prevention programs into the community?

CHORAK: Exactly.

PROFILE: Well, what have you done in Rock Hill?

CHORAK: We've established the Youth Employment Service (YES), in which we try to help teenagers get part and full-time jobs. We run ads in the newspapers and on radio. We've been pretty successful with that.

PROFILE: And what else?

CHORAK: We have a tutorial workshop going — you reported on that in your January newsletter — and karate classes, ceramics, social adjustment classes, and group homes, operated in cooperation with other community organizations and agencies. We do counseling, referrals for jobs and educational assessments. These are our major areas of concern right now.

PROFILE: Anything else?

CHORAK: Well, we do some diagnostic and testing work. We're involved in physical and medical diagnoses of our clients for instance.

PROFILE: How did you decide which areas to go into?

CHORAK: We've done community-wide surveys into Rock Hill's needs. We're also involved in a management-by-objectives program to make sure we do our utmost to solve these needs.

PROFILE: How's it going so far?

CHORAK: We're pretty well satisfied. There's a lot to do, but we've come a long way in less than a year. We also assist existing pro-

Around Campus...

Retirement ceremonies were conducted in February for teacher *Mary Keels* and Recreation Specialist *Bowen W. Pressley, R & E... Chaplain Yu Fong Chong*. John G. Richards, conducted Shandon Methodist Youth on a tour of that campus... *Chaplain Al Brodie, R & E*, spoke to Calumet Baptist Church members in Liberty... *Chaplain Brodie* also talked to Jackson Creek Baptist Church members (Columbia) about the institution... Project Administrator *Marshall D. Rollins*, Charleston, spoke about delinquency, families and youth on WCBD-TV, Channel 2... *James A. Sparger*, Supervisor of Drama, escorted an Erskine College touring group about R & E... Hopkins Headstart program toured the Agency farm... *Chaplain Howard Ellzey*, Intensvie Care Unit, conducted a group of Columbia College students on a tour and luncheon. The college group was led by *Dr. George Hallman* of the Education Department

... *Chaplain Ellzey* also briefed University of South Carolina law students and S.C. Dept. of Mental Health teachers on the Agency and toured them through Central Office, John G. Richards, Willow Lane and R & E... Supervisor of Chaplains *Horace Youngblood* spoke to Dreher High School students... The *Rev. Youngblood* also spoke to members of the Horry County Family Court about the Agency... Some 30 members of the Greater Columbia Forum visited the campus and ate at Willow Lane after being briefed on the Agency's future goals by *Director Grady Decell*... Farm tour groups through March include Union Methodist Church, Irmo; A. C. Moore Elementary School; Trenholm Road United Methodist Church kindergarten; Logan kindergarten; Hopkins Head Start program; Arden Elementary School kindergarten; Rosewood Elementary School; Conder Elementary School; and Irmo Childrens Center.

Mrs. Bebs Chorak, right, discusses a project with secretary Vivian Robinson. The ultimate aim of many Youth Bureau programs is delinquency prevention.



grams. We're a part of the community. We just want to help. Where there's a need and no existing program, we'll try to develop a program. And we'll turn it over to somebody else if they're more suited to run it. Rock Hill support has been great.

PROFILE: What size staff do you have?

CHORAK: We have nine people: Randy Steele, Supervisor of Field Services. Harry Jolley and Joan-Marie Platt of the tutorial workshop. Pat Tolbert and Dexter Lambert, social workers; Steve White, youth counselor; secretaries Lenorie Sherill and Vivian Robinson; and myself.

PROFILE: What kind of background do you have?

CHORAK: I was a civilian in the recreational field for the Department of the Army for 16 months, a public school teacher, and I worked with retarded children for three years.

PROFILE: What are your feelings about the program?

CHORAK: I like it because it's new. Since I am the first regional supervisor in this area, I don't have to follow another's procedures. I get good support from the central office in Columbia, and I have good people to work with. It's a progressive program, and I'm just glad to be in on the beginning.

HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR CHILD TODAY?